

## AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 106-148, §5(1), substituted “1 year after December 9, 1999,” for “90 days after August 5, 1997.”

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-148, §5(2)(A), substituted “update the 5-year plan” for “critique the draft implementation plan”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 106-148, §5(2)(B), substituted “sections 31c through 31f of this title” for “sections 31a to 31h of this title”.

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-36, §3(c)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: “There shall be established a sixteen member geologic mapping advisory committee to advise the Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program. The President shall appoint one representative each from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Within 90 days and with the advice and consultation of the State Geological Surveys, the Secretary shall appoint to the advisory committee 2 representatives from the Survey (including the Chief Geologist, as Chairman), 4 representatives from the State geological surveys, 3 representatives from academia, and 3 representatives from the private sector.”

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 105-36, §3(c)(2), substituted “Federal, State, and university mapping activities” for “Federal and State mapping activities”.

## TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law, see section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 31e. Geologic mapping program 5-year plan****(a) In general**

The Secretary, acting through the Director, shall, with the advice and review of the advisory committee, prepare a 5-year plan for the geologic mapping program.

**(b) Requirements**

The 5-year plan shall identify—

- (1) overall priorities for the geologic mapping program; and
- (2) implementation of the overall management structure and operation of the geologic mapping program, including—

(A) the role of the Survey in the capacity of overall management lead, including the responsibility for developing the national geologic mapping program that meets Federal needs while fostering State needs;

(B) the responsibilities of the State geological surveys, with emphasis on mechanisms that incorporate the needs, missions, capabilities, and requirements of the State geological surveys, into the nationwide geologic mapping program;

(C) mechanisms for identifying short- and long-term priorities for each component of the geologic mapping program, including—

(i) for the Federal component, a priority-setting mechanism that responds to—

(I) Federal mission requirements for geologic map information;

(II) critical scientific problems that require geologic maps for their resolution; and

(III) shared Federal and State needs for geologic maps, in which joint Federal-State geologic mapping projects are in the national interest;

(ii) for the State component, a priority-setting mechanism that responds to—

(I) specific intrastate needs for geologic map information; and

(II) interstate needs shared by adjacent States that have common requirements; and

(iii) for the education component, a priority-setting mechanism that responds to requirements for geologic map information that are dictated by Federal and State mission requirements;

(D) a mechanism for adopting scientific and technical mapping standards for preparing and publishing general- and special-purpose geologic maps to—

(i) ensure uniformity of cartographic and scientific conventions; and

(ii) provide a basis for assessing the comparability and quality of map products; and

(E) a mechanism for monitoring the inventory of published and current mapping investigations nationwide to facilitate planning and information exchange and to avoid redundancy.

(Pub. L. 102-285, §6, as added Pub. L. 106-148, §6, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1722.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 31e, Pub. L. 102-285, §6, May 18, 1992, 106 Stat. 170; Pub. L. 105-36, §3(d), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1110, provided for the preparation of a geologic mapping program implementation plan, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-148, §6, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1722.

**§ 31f. National geologic map database****(a) Establishment****(1) In general**

The Survey shall establish a national geologic map database.

**(2) Function**

The database shall serve as a national catalog and archive, distributed through links to Federal and State geologic map holdings, that includes—

(A) all maps developed under the Federal component and the education component;

(B) the databases developed in connection with investigations under subclauses (III), (IV), and (V) of section 31c(d)(1)(C)(ii) of this title; and

(C) other maps and data that the Survey and the Association consider appropriate.

**(b) Standardization****(1) In general**

Geologic maps contributed to the national archives shall have format, symbols, and technical attributes that adhere to standards so that archival information can be accessed, ex-